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SUBJECT: VENEZULEAN PRESIDENT INDICATES VENEZUELA IS

PREPARED TO MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL FUND

FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

1. VENEZULAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, IN A SPEECH
IN FAO HEADQUARTERS NOVEMBER 19, SAID THAT VENEZUELA IS
PREPARED TO GIVE A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL
FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD). OFFICIAL TEXT,
AVAILABLE IN SPANISH ONLY, SAYS "VENEZUELA EST DISPUFSTA
APORTAR NUEVA CONTRIBUCION."

2. SOME REPRESENTATIVES HERE WHO KNOW THAT SAUDI ARABIA
HAS PROPOSED THAT OPEC AS A WHOLE MAKE UP HALF THE SHORT-
FALL BELOW \$1 BILLION, WHICH PROPOSAL IS UNDER CONSIDERA-
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TION IN OPEC CAPITALS, BELIEVE PEREZ MAY BE REFERRING TO

VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A JOINT OPEC ACTION. THE ACTUAL STATEMENT, HOWEVER, IS UNCLEAR AS TO AMOUNT AND CHANNEL.

3. RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SOUMA PLANNED TO PRESS PRESIDENT PEREZ FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION FOR THE FUND.

4. TEXT OF SPEECH, WHICH DEALT GENERALLY WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THIRD WORLD AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND CRITICIZED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR NOT CONTRIBUTING MORE TO IFAD, WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM. BEAUDRY UNQTE KISSINGER

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